

## Artist of the Month

July's artist of the month is **MICHELE DAVID MECHLING** from Sioux City, IA. A University of South Dakota graduate, Michele has recently sold her business in Vermillion, SD to concentrate fully on being an artist. She plans to offer art consulting services for area artists and local venues in Vermillion. Michele also teaches art in various art center programs and volunteers in the Vermillion Public School District at the elementary level. Through her art, Michele tries to narrate her "interpretations of nature and time continuum."

## Tumble Books

Is the weather or a busy schedule keeping you from getting to the library with your kids? No problem, TumbleBooks has the solution. Story books, read-alongs, puzzles and games, language learning and other activities are provided free online. Access TumbleBooks by clicking on the TumbleBooks icon on the Sturgis Public Library's blog at: <http://www.sturgispubliclibrary.blogspot.com>.



## NOVEL DESTINATIONS



Have you ever wanted to go on a dream vacation, or visit an exotic locale? Do you ever find yourself daydreaming about other countries and cultures? If you answered "yes" to any of these join us on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at noon at the Sturgis Wine Company on Main Street. Gather with us and enjoy a fun afternoon of discussing literature in a unique atmosphere. If you need any reading suggestions, there is a Summer Reading Suggestions handout at the library's front desk, or you can always ask Gavin for a list of recommended authors. All reading interests are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

## CONCERT IN THE PARK

James Van Nuys and Paul Peterson are both well-known artists and acoustic guitarists in the Black Hills. Join them, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the City Park, for a Sunday evening concert. Sets will include traditional folk and blues pieces, as well as original compositions from James and Paul.

James lives in Rapid City, and performs throughout the Black Hills. His repertoire covers a broad variety of traditional music: folk, blues, Irish, and ragtime. James's subdued but intricate playing provides a perfect background for receptions or parties. Paul lives in Sturgis and teaches music at Black Hills Guitar in Spearfish. He performs every Saturday night at Roma's Restaurant and occasionally at other venues throughout the state.

This event is sponsored by the Sturgis Public Library and the Sturgis Area Arts Council as a fundraiser for the Smithsonian Museum's exhibit "New Harmonies," coming to the library next Spring. Donations are encouraged.



## The Teddy Bear Series



With one or two instruments, favorite children's stories come to life as they are set to classical music performed by the Orlando Chamber Soloists. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite teddy bear with them to the Teddy Bear Series story times on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, and also July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. There will also be a Children's Family Concert, themed "Celebration of Nature through Music" on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. After each of these performances, children will be given the opportunity to play "child-sized" instruments in the "Musical Petting Zoo." For more information please visit [www.OrlandoChamberSoloists.org](http://www.OrlandoChamberSoloists.org).



## Sturgis Public Library

1040 2nd Street Suite 101

Sturgis, SD 57785

*"Wisdom begins in Wonder"*

## July 2011 Newsletter & Calendar



### HOURS:

Monday–Thursday: 8:30am–7:00pm

Friday: 8:30am–5:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am–4:00pm

Sunday: Closed

Phone: (605) 347-2624

Web sites: [www.sturgis-sd.gov](http://www.sturgis-sd.gov) and  
[www.sturgispubliclibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.sturgispubliclibrary.blogspot.com)

## Regularly Scheduled Programs

**Scrabble Lovers Unite!** Come to the library on July 12th and 26th at 5:15pm to join other adults who like to play Scrabble. Bring a board if you have one.

**Free Computer Classes:** Free Computer Classes are held in the Library on Thursdays in July from 5:30 to 6:30. These classes are open to the public. No registration is necessary.

**Creative Writing Class.** If you are interested in creative writing, join us on July 6th and 20th at 4:00 to discuss the craft of storytelling. If you have any questions, please contact Gavin Woltjer.

**Wii Schedule:** Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 (Kids)

## PROFESSIONAL ARTIST RESIDENCY

Visual artist Mary Wipf will be conducting workshops for teens and tweens as part of the South Dakota Arts Council's Artists In Schools & Communities program. Ms. Wipf will be at the Sturgis Public Library from July 11-14. Wipf uses various media, such as printmaking, drawing, papermaking, marbling or creation of murals to

help illustrate the creative expression of one's unique self. This program is sponsored by the Greater Sturgis Area Foundation, with support provided by the South Dakota Arts Council with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism and State Development, and the National Endowments for the Arts. Sign up sheets are located at the front desk, or the teen help desk.



# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 CLOSED
3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 Teddy Bear Series Story Time 10:00	6 Creative Writing 4:00	7 Literary Discus- sion 4:00	8 Northern Hills Band Concert @ Sturgis Park 7:00	9 BAM Festival— Bicycle, Art, and Music in the Sturgis Park
10 CLOSED	11 Teddy Bear Se- ries Story Time 10:00	12 Schools Around the World 10:00-11:00, 1:30-2:30	13 Teddy Bear Con- cert 6:00 @ Com- munity Center	14	15	16
Mary Wipf, Professional Artist Residency 11th-14th						
17 CLOSED  Concert in Park 7:00	18	19	20 Teens Prize Draw- ing Pizza Party 3:30  Creative Writing 4:00	21 Around the World Party 10:00-11:00 @ Woodland Shel- ter	22	23 Novel Destina- tions 12:00 pm @ Sturgis Wine Company
24 CLOSED  Northern Hills Band Concert @ Sturgis Park 7:00	25	26	27   Board Meeting 4:00	28	29	30



**LEGOS WANTED!!** If you have any Legos that you are no longer using, please donate them to the library. Ms. Dykstra is planning a Lego Club for the fall!